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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of) Examiner:
H. ENGLÄNDER, et al.)
Serial No.: Unknown) Art Unit:
Filed: Herewith) Confirmation:
For: **BALL BEARING AND A) Customer No.: 27,885**
 VACUUM PUMP THAT IS)
 EQUIPPED WITH A)
 BEARING OF THIS TYPE)
Attorney Docket No.:) Cleveland, OH 44114
LYBZ 2 00094) May 25, 2005

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this application, applicants request amendment of the application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the abstract appear on page 7

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8.

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